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Dear Mr Power

I am writing in response to our meeting on Monday 25th September regarding my concerns:

- 1) the proposed change of road traffic flow at Crescent Road, Sarn and,
- 2) the proposed 4-way traffic and pedestrian light system near my home

Thank you for allowing me to view the diagram/design of the proposed changes, although this enabled me to understand the changes being made about the layout of the traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and the rationale for changing Crescent Road into a one-way system, this did not alleviate my concerns.

Now I have had time to digest the changes and reflect on the impact this will have on impeding my entrance and exit to my drive, then I DO OBJECT to the proposed change of traffic flow to Crescent Road.

My apologies for the delay in reporting my continued objection, this was due to me carrying out my own study of traffic flow throughout the week (including the weekend) and how the proposed one-way system on Crescent Road and traffic lights will impede me safely entering and exiting my driveway. It is obvious from my own traffic impact survey that the designers of the proposed changes have no idea as to the impossibility of me being able to reverse into my drive due to the positioning of the traffic stop area. This issue will be exacerbated when I renew my car in the new year as I am planning to upgrade to the next model up meaning a longer wider vehicle. I am happy for you/the designers to undertake this exercise for you to appreciate fully my continued concerns on this issue.

Whilst undertaking my observations, I noted how the buses self-manage passing by the road here on Heol Ganol, for instance, if vehicles are parked to the left travelling towards Sarn Hill, the bus will wait and allow traffic to pass, then carry on with their journey. This only takes a moment or two and so traffic has then cleared. Should the proposed changes take place, that buses and comparable size vehicles such as the new larger recycling vehicles will have difficulty passing through and so there will be congestion in this part of the road, adversely affecting the other junctions, and

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subsequently impeding traffic flow. Presenting an opportunity for traffic pollution and a reduction in air quality.

As discussed with you on the 25th, the property is my only asset and I am concerned that the appearance of lights this close to the property will mean that my house value will depreciate. You explained to me to obtain a current valuation of the property and a further valuation approximately 6 months following the completion of the lights going live, and that if there were a depreciation in value of the property, that I would be able to apply for compensation.

Another area of concern is the quality of life and neighbour relations deteriorating due to the loss of parking spaces along the street and the domino effect this will have on other resident's ability to park on Her' Canal, possibly increasing tensions. As I explained to you, I bought the property o

- 1) It had an easy accessible drive and
- 2) Parking was an issue at my previous residence in Park Place to the extent that it caused great emotional distress to myself and my partner who was psychologically bullied forcing us to move. I do not relish a repeat of this.

I remain sceptical that the 'rat run' traffic will decrease as people are 'creatures of habit' and they have imprinted this route, and so the lights will have little or no effect. My Partner has recently been diagnosed with adult asthma and so I am concerned that the increased volume of traffic 'sitting' outside our property with their engines running will present a further opportunity for traffic pollution and subsequent reduction in air quality.

During our discussions, you informed me that "all options had been explored" – I would appreciate it if you could list what these options were, how they were explored, and how the conclusion was made to determine them as not being viable.

You also indicated that if there are issues following the establishment of the lights and pedestrian crossings that I could contact you and that there would be further remedial action to alleviate any issues as indicated above – I am at a loss as to how any remedial measures can be taken after the event of the traffic lights being in place and I fear it is a case once in, I must live with it.

Hopefully from our discussion on the 25th, you could see that I do not wish to have conflict with yourselves and am happy to meet with you again at a prearranged date to discuss these issues with my partner (of over 25 years) present and look at mutually agreeable compromises/a way forward. For example, a possibility could be for you to move access to my driveway (at your expense).

Lastly, I would prefer that you answered my concerns in writing rather than verbally, as I have no formal record of our conversations regarding, what could and what would be carried out.

Yours sincerely